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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 01/07469 A (VERDINI ANTONIO) 1 February 2001 (2001-02-01) cited in the application page 9; claims 25-30,47; example 6	1-5,11, 12, 17-22, 28,30,31
Y	JANSEN J F G A ET AL: "ENCAPSULATION OF GUEST MOLECULES INTO A DENDRITIC BOX" SCIENCE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE,, US, vol. 266, no. 5188, 18 November 1994 (1994-11-18), pages 1226-1229, XP000500113 ISSN: 0036-8075 page 1229, column 1; figure 3 ----- -/--	1-13, 17-31

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A	WO 96/31231 A (ELAN CORP PLC) 10 October 1996 (1996-10-10) abstract; claim 1 -----	1-13, 17-31

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 11-13 complete; 1-10, 17-31 in part

A composition comprising: a hyperbranched polymer attached to a core and a protein or polypeptide; whereby the protein or polypeptide is attached to the core by means of a non-enzymatically cleavable linker L. Use of the same for selectively delivering the protein or polypeptide to a target and drug comprising the same. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 2, 3.

2. claims: 14, 15 complete; 1-10, 17-31 in part

A composition comprising: a hyperbranched polymer attached to a core and a small molecule bioactive agent; whereby the small molecule bioactive agent is attached to the core by means of a non-enzymatically cleavable linker L. Use of the same for selectively delivering the small molecule bioactive agent to a target and drug comprising the same. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 3.

3. claims: 16 complete; 1-10, 17-31 in part

A composition comprising: a hyperbranched polymer attached to a core and an anti-sense or interfering oligonucleotide; whereby the anti-sense or interfering oligonucleotide is attached to the core by means of a non-enzymatically cleavable linker L. Use of the same for selectively delivering the anti-sense or interfering oligonucleotide to a target and drug comprising the same. Excluding the subject matter of inventions 1, 2.

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